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In re application of: Andrew M. PERRY

Serial No. 08/689,721

Examiner: R. Luebke

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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 18, 1999, enclosed is an amendment in the  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action, dated November 18, 1999, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

*Sub 11.7*  
~~11. (Amended) A method for suspending a recorder from a neck of a user using a device that comprises a strap and a ring attached to the strap, the recorder comprising a lower section and an upper section joined at a juncture point, the [recorded] recorder having a distal end belonging to the lower section and a proximate end belonging to the upper section, the recorder further having a mouthpiece at the proximate end, the upper section having a diameter that increases gradually from the juncture point to the mouthpiece, the ring having an inner diameter larger than the diameter of the upper section at the juncture point, the inner diameter further being smaller than the diameter of the upper section at the mouthpiece, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~suspending the strap from the neck of the user;~~

~~pulling the recorder apart at the juncture point, thereby separating the lower section from the upper section;~~

~~then inserting through the ring an end of the upper section that is associated with the juncture point and is opposite to the proximate end, and then sliding the ring towards the~~